

Selected Southwest Employment Indicators
Seasonally Adjusted, April 2004

(Numbers in thousands)

Labor force data	Southwest Region			Arkansas			Louisiana		
	Apr. 2003	Mar. 2004	Apr. 2004p	Apr. 2003	Mar. 2004	Apr. 2004p	Apr. 2003	Mar. 2004	Apr. 2004p
Civilian labor force.....	16,786.7	16,884.2	16,905.3	1,266.3	1,310.9	1,316.5	2,033.2	2,024.7	2,021.7
Employed.....	15,676.9	15,893.5	15,929.4	1,189.5	1,239.8	1,243.3	1,897.5	1,913.4	1,903.1
Unemployed.....	1,109.9	990.7	975.9	76.8	71.1	73.3	135.7	111.3	118.6
Unemployment rate.....	6.6	5.9	5.8	6.1	5.4	5.6	6.7	5.5	5.9
Nonfarm wage and salary employment									
Total.....	14,652.9	14,712.3	14,735.3	1,140.4	1,144.9	1,145.6	1,904.2	1,910.5	1,912.9
Natural Resources & Mining.....	243.3	248.5	249.1	6.9	6.8	6.9	47.8	48.8	49.0
Construction.....	831.9	831.8	828.9	50.9	49.9	50.0	118.3	118.0	116.2
Manufacturing.....	1,450.2	1,425.9	1,426.0	207.0	204.0	204.2	155.4	155.8	156.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities..	2,965.5	2,979.0	2,985.9	238.5	239.6	240.1	381.5	384.1	383.4
Information (1)	333.6	325.5	326.3	20.0	20.1	19.9	29.2	28.7	29.1
Financial Activities.....	852.1	858.3	859.4	49.9	50.8	51.0	101.2	100.3	100.0
Professional & Business Services..	1,571.7	1,572.8	1,581.2	103.4	103.7	104.4	179.3	179.4	179.1
Education and Health Services.....	1,769.9	1,811.3	1,815.6	138.8	142.0	142.0	243.2	247.7	249.8
Leisure and Hospitality.....	1,346.9	1,365.8	1,370.4	87.1	88.8	88.1	197.8	199.3	200.1
Other Services (1).....	571.7	572.5	575.4	40.7	40.6	40.7	71.2	69.0	70.8
Government.....	2,716.6	2,719.5	2,721.3	197.2	198.6	198.3	379.1	379.3	378.7
Nonfarm wage and salary employment									
Labor force data	New Mexico			Oklahoma			Texas		
	Apr. 2003	Mar. 2004	Apr. 2004p	Apr. 2003	Mar. 2004	Apr. 2004p	Apr. 2003	Mar. 2004	Apr. 2004p
Civilian labor force.....	892.4	901.1	904.0	1,695.8	1,699.9	1,698.0	10,899.0	10,947.6	10,965.1
Employed.....	837.0	850.6	853.4	1,601.2	1,618.6	1,618.7	10,151.6	10,271.1	10,311.0
Unemployed.....	55.4	50.5	50.6	94.6	81.3	79.3	747.4	676.5	654.1
Unemployment rate.....	6.2	5.6	5.6	5.6	4.8	4.7	6.9	6.2	6.0
Nonfarm wage and salary employment									
Total.....	772.7	786.5	785.4	1,454.8	1,455.5	1,459.5	9,380.8	9,414.9	9,431.9
Natural Resources & Mining.....	14.2	14.9	15.0	28.5	29.6	30.1	145.9	148.4	148.1
Construction.....	46.6	48.9	48.8	63.5	62.2	63.1	552.6	552.8	550.8
Manufacturing.....	36.4	35.9	35.9	143.1 ²	141.7 ²	140.5 ²	908.3	888.5	888.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities..	135.7	136.1	135.9	278.1	278.7	280.3	1,931.7	1,940.5	1,946.2
Information (1).....	15.9	15.2	15.4	32.7	31.7	31.6	235.8	229.8	230.3
Financial Activities.....	33.7	34.4	34.5	82.8	84.6	84.5	584.5	588.2	589.4
Professional & Business Services..	88.7	89.0	89.0	156.0	158.1	159.5	1,044.3	1,042.6	1,049.2
Education and Health Services.....	97.7	102.3	101.4	175.6	176.1	176.3	1,114.6	1,143.2	1,146.1
Leisure and Hospitality.....	81.2	82.7	82.5	126.1	126.3	126.5	854.7	868.7	873.2
Other Services (1).....	27.5	28.3	28.4	73.4	74.0	74.4	358.9	360.6	361.1
Government.....	194.4	198.3	198.1	295.0	292.5	292.7	1,650.9	1,650.8	1,653.5

p = preliminary

(1) The series shown here are not seasonally adjusted because the seasonal component, which is small relative to the trend-cycle and irregular components, cannot be separated with sufficient precision for the majority of Southwest states.

(2) Oklahoma manufacturing employment is not seasonally adjusted.

NOTE: Numbers may not sum to totals due to rounding. In addition, the presentation of both seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted data in this table means that published Total Nonfarm employment may differ from the summation of the supersectors for the states and region.

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